



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

September 2010 Newsletter

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Kick-Off Sunday

After a combined worship service at 10 a.m. (no 8am service) please join us at Tamarak Day Camp (23970 North Elm Road, Lincolnshire) for plenty of food, fun and fellowship. The entrée for grilling and drinks will be provided; guests are asked to bring a side dish to pass, but not necessary - please, just come! The swimming pool will be open, so be sure to bring your suits and a towel. You can also play basketball, tennis (bring your own equipment) and other sports. This will be a great way to kickoff another sensational year of worship at Community Christian Church! Sign up in Friendship Hall.

Garage Sale

September 25, 8am - 4pm

Donations accepted 9am-7pm, September 19-23

Volunteers needed September 19-15

You can help by sorting and pricing items and by providing meals for the workers.

Garage Sale Angels Wanted...

...we welcome other ways to help, even if you are unable to be there to help!

Can we count on your help this year?



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**
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SAVE THESE DATES

October 3
Installation Sunday

October 16
Michael's Ordination

Nelson's Notes

Belonging

I know what it is to belong to a family; to be a son, a husband, a father, a grandfather. I know what it is to have others who are counting on me and on whom I can depend. Their love strengthens me when I falter. It guards me in the hour of temptation. It affirms me when I stand for what is right. Within this relationship I am called to be forgiving and forgiven.

This is our church family! We shout our greetings. In tears and laughter we reaffirm the ties of our togetherness. Our joy finds expression in the sharing of a common meal, in huge hugs and kisses, listening to one another's hope, offering caring for one another's hurts, and reaching out to others in Christ's love.

As we celebrate the start of a new church year, I rejoice in the conviction that our church is "family" and that we are gathered to celebrate our love for God and one another. Our board and committee leadership are committed to making this a great new year of fellowship and mission...September 12 is kickoff Sunday. We gather in one service of worship at 10am, followed by an all-church picnic at Tamarak. Junior and senior high youth gather for a bonfire cookout September 11th. The church's annual garage sale is September 25th. The search committee is back at work in search of our next senior minister. A great deal of planning is underway. Read this newsletter carefully for all the news.

With God's help, we shall grow our life and mission as a church together.
In the spirit of Christ whose love joins us inseparably, welcome!

~ Nelson

Please contact the minister
any time you feel it's necessary.

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September Sermons



September 5: “Living Simply, Simply Living” Matthew 11:28-30 - Nelson Irving

Have you ever wondered what makes people happy? What makes you happy? A noted psychologist made it his life's work to find out. Learn what he has to say. Read Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel. They could do a great deal for you.

September 12: “Doing The Difficult Things”

1 John 2:3-6 - Nelson Irving

Anyone can do the easy things. Difficult things are another matter. Jesus says, “He who is not with me is against me.” (Matthew 12:30) Was he *serious*? What do his words mean to our church family?

September 19: “Don't Kick The Donkey” Numbers 22:21-34 - Nelson Irving

The Old Testament tells a story about the prophet Balaam and his donkey, and how the donkey saved his life. This illustrious story has much to say about God's work in our lives, and how turning away can be perilous. We'll pay special attention to this story.

September 26: “Love's Power”

1 John 4:7-12 - Nelson Irving

Love is a decision that we can make anytime under any condition, but first we have to know that it is a decision. When we choose to love others in difficult situations, we are more likely to create miracles in our lives. Person by person, moment to moment, as we love, we change the world.

In His Service This Month

Liturgists

9/5/2010

Scott

9/12/2010

Perry

9/19/2010

Ruby

9/26/2010

Kim

Elders

9/5/2010

Kevin

9/12/2010

Chris

9/19/2010

Judy

9/26/2010

Sharon

Deacons

9/5/2010

Jan

Kelley

Emily

Diane Naftzger

9/12/2010

Susan

John

Chloe

Ruby

9/19/2010

Patrick

Jan

Bev

Ann

9/26/2010

Diane

Audrey

John

Amy

If you are not able to serve on your date, please find someone to replace you and inform the church secretary. Thank you!

Pastor Search Committee

The new Pastor Search Committee (PSC) is up and running! Thank you to the members of the PSC for being dedicated to serve our church in this valuable way. They welcome your questions, comments and suggestions and you will be hearing from them regularly.





- 9/8 Soup Kitchen, 4-7:30pm
- 9/8 Choir Practice Resumes, 7pm
- 9/11 CCC Women's Coffee Break, 8am
- 9/11 CCC Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 9/11 Fall Cleanup, 9am
- 9/11 Youth Dinner & Bonfire, 7-9pm
- 9/12 Crossroads Bible Study, 9am
- 9/12 Kickoff Sunday
10am Combined Worship Service
(There will not be an 8am service)
Followed by lunch and fun at
Tamarak Day Camp
- 9/19 Youth Group Brown Bag Lunch &
Garage Sale Set Up
- 9/25 Garage Sale, 8am-3pm

Ongoing Events

Worship Services
 Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Crossroads Bible Study
 Sundays, 9 am
 Café 920
 Sundays, 9:20am
 Youth Group Meetings
 Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
 Prayer Group
 Tuesdays, 9am
 Soup Kitchen
 2nd Wednesday each month, 4pm
 Choir Practice
 Wednesdays, 7pm
 Men's Breakfast
 1st Saturday each month, 8am
 (2nd Saturday in September)
 Women's Coffee Break
 2nd Saturday each month, 8am



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, September 11, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. We will be FINISHING our discussion of the book Faith and Doubt by John Ortberg. For the discussion, please read Chapter 11. As always, all are welcome even if you don't get a chance to do the reading assignment -- come for the company!

As we complete Faith & Doubt, we will be looking to determine our next book for the Saturday breakfasts; Nelson Irving has suggested four candidate books, listed below. You can find out more about each book by going to the bookstore at Amazon.com and reading the editorial reviews and product descriptions. We will have a vote in September to determine which book will be our next Saturday discussion subject, beginning with the October breakfast.

The candidate books are:

- ♦ "Who Are You When No One's Looking?" by Bill Hybels
- ♦ "The Me I Want To Be" by John Ortberg
- ♦ "Live Like You Mean It" by T J Addington
- ♦ "Has Christianity Failed You" by Ravi Zacharias



Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

Would you like to get to know the women at church better? Would you like to sit, relax, and talk over coffee and find out what else we have in common other than our church?

If so, come join the women of CCC Saturday, September 11th at 8am at Einstein Brothers Bagels in Lincolnshire. (in the same complex as Flatlanders). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the church office. We hope to see you there!

CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**

ALIVE!

5th, 6th AND 7th GRADERS

REVIVE!

8th, 9th, 10th AND 12th Graders



Save Your Sundays after Church - Great Things Are Happening at CCC

The YLT has been meeting regularly and busily, yet prayerfully planning events that will engage our youth this year. September will be filled with fellowship events and a service project to help both youth groups to get to know each other better. The dinner & bonfire will be two hours of food, games and camaraderie around the fire pit. Since we are serving food, a prompt RSVP to the church office (CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net) is greatly appreciated.

October will kickoff our Gather2Grow sessions, where the Alive and Revive groups will get together separately for activities that will be very rewarding for everyone involved. The sessions begin after the 10 am worship service and conclude by 1pm the first three Sundays each month. Food will not be served, but bringing your own snacks is encouraged!

Two very important events in October include Installation Sunday and Michael Swartzentruber's Ordination. Installation Sunday, October 3, will be a momentous day when leaders of CCC (including deacons and liturgists) will be installed to serve our church. Michael Swartzentruber's Ordination is on Saturday October 16 at 4pm. This is a rare occasion to be a part of an extraordinary event that will ordain Michael into a career of ministry.

September will be full of fun events.

Bring a friend and see what you have in common with other CCC youth!

Great events for youth are planned for this month:

9/11 - <u>New Date & Time!!</u>	Saturday	7-9pm	Alive & Revive	Dinner & Bonfire-RSVP Please!
9/12 - Kickoff Sunday	<u>Everyone, please attend with your family!</u>			
9/19 - Garage Sale setup	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive & Revive	Brown Bag Lunch & Service
9/26	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive & Revive	Breaking Bread

Save these dates!!

Great events for youth are being planned for October:

10/3 - Installation Sunday	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Revive	Gather2Grow
	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive	Gather2Grow
10/10	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Revive	Gather2Grow
	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive	Gather2Grow
10/16	Saturday	4pm	Both	Michael's Ordination

Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2010-2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

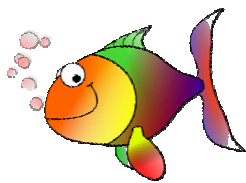
September – The Garden of Eden
 October – Ruth
 November – Daniel
 December – Christmas Dreams
 January – Healing Miracles

February – Garden of Gethsemane
 March – Doubting Thomas
 April – Pentecost
 May – Jonah



Cornerstones Curriculum
<http://www.cstones.com/>

DID NOAH FISH?



**A Sunday school teacher asked,
 "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot
 of fishing when he was on the Ark?"**

**"No," replied Johnny. "How could he,
 with just two worms?"**

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Please consider sharing your talents with the children of our church. If you like telling stories, cooking with kids, playing games or arts and crafts, we have a spot for you. Check out this year's schedule in the newsletter or on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall. If a story or month works (teaching is a 3 week commitment) out for you, sign up in Friendship Hall. We are always available to answer questions.



Crossroads Bible Study

Crossroads is the Adult Bible Study that meets between services at 9:05 on Sunday mornings. Everyone has busy lives and sandwiching one more thing on Sunday mornings is never easy. The small group who have been attending, however, attest to how much they have learned and understand more about their faith walk. We invite you to join us whenever it is possible. We have study books and if missing a Sunday becomes necessary, then participants can still keep up. The group is self-led and requires no biblical or experiential expertise.

Our initial study for this year is Books of Judges and 1st Samuel and our first session is September 12. Please join us.

Michael's Ordination



On Saturday, October 16th, Michael will be ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin here at Community Christian Church. The ordination service will commence at 4pm.

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this special occasion in the life of our church, denomination and in Michael's ministry. Representatives from the University of Chicago, Disciples Divinity House, Community Christian Church, and the Illinois-Wisconsin Region will participate.

Getting to Know CCC's New General Board Chair



As our 2010-2011 elected General Board Chair, Audrey, is very eager and enthusiastic about the opportunities for CCC. As Jayne has shared a bit about herself in last month's newsletter, Audrey also wanted to take the time to let you know a bit more about herself and her family, as they also have only been members of CCC for a few years now.

Where she's from: Audrey grew up in east-central Ohio (where the majority of her family remain); having graduated from Kent State University in 1989 with a BS in Education with dual majors. She initially taught high school English and Social Studies for a few years. Life changes have had her living in other states such as Washington (where her daughter Erin was born), Ohio again (where her daughter Sarah was born), Wisconsin, Kansas and Illinois (since December 1998). During that time she also worked for 8 years with a global financial planning company. For the past 7 years, Audrey has worked in Libertyville at Abbott.

What she does: Having a degree in English, she enjoys job environments where communication, documentation, and quality are accentuated. At Abbott, she has 5 years of corporate documentation center experience in which time she also managed the QA library. For the past 2 years, she has been a member of the divisional support efforts of the Office of Ethics and Compliance. Last year, she completed her initial course in project management while beginning classes towards an MBA (pacing herself). Her current job involves much compliance training and education of divisions and can include travel.

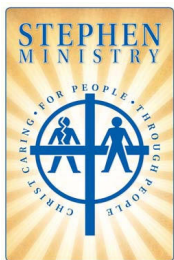
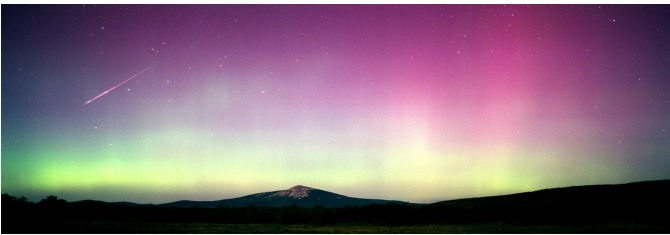
Her family: Audrey has been in the role of a single mother for 10 years now. She is involved in her children's lives and is their biggest supporter. Erin is beginning her college years at the College of Lake County embarking on her pre-veterinary studies; she plans to continue on in the toddler room enjoying time with the younger members of our congregation. Sarah, now a freshman at Round Lake Senior High School, is already involved in marching band, honors choir and has her sights on multiple sports activities. Audrey is also the Fine Arts Booster Club secretary. Over the past 12 years, she has also played the role of assistant and then leader of each girl's respective girl scout and camp fire group. She and her daughters live in Round Lake Beach.

Her relationship with church: Audrey grew up in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Uhrichsville, Ohio and has a strong background in the church denomination. As a youth, she participated in youth groups, attended church camps and served as a liturgist, deacon and choir member in Ohio. She also accompanied her mother (who was the church organist) on her flute for many church services and some weddings. At her prior congregation in Gurnee, IL, she served as Diaconate chair, choir member and Christian Education chair. She is passionate about being an active member of the church and has tried to pass that love on to her children.

From Audrey: "I am honored to have been given this opportunity to work with and for the leaders of our church, for our church. I am truly blessed to be in your midst. My hope is that (even though I do not know all of the history of CCC) our future will be filled with positive energy and God's work in motion. I will close with words that I recently had the chance to write in my daughter's senior yearbook and the words also ring true for my outlook for our congregation: Many things I wish for you in life but the primary thing is happiness. Be true to yourself, hold fast to your dreams, listen with your heart, feel with your soul, keep faith in all you do, say a prayer and never give up!"

Update From Michael

Michael and Rebecca have officially moved their belongings from the Chicago area as Rebecca begins her next optometry externship in Canton, Ohio. Michael will remain in temporary housing in Chicago as he finishes his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE; chaplaincy internship) at Montgomery Place, a retirement home. Michael will graduate from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago on Friday, August 27th at 3:00pm with the Master of Divinity degree. Also, Rebecca was recently informed that she passed her Optometry National Board Examination after months of waiting for delayed scores. You can continue to receive updates on Michael and Rebecca by visiting Michael's blog: <http://divinitymusings.wordpress.com>



How's Your Place at the Table?

We recently heard a sermon on the joy of creation that our Loving Lord continues to provide for each of us. From sun-rise to sun-set, each moment of every day is packed with blessings. Sadly, sometimes problems and challenges can rob us of the gifts our Heavenly Father has meant for us.

If you haven't been able to find your place at the "banquet" that our Lord has prepared for you, you may benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister. Call Andrea or Char to help you reclaim your place at the feast.

Fall Work Day Saturday, September 11



We can certainly use your help Saturday, September 11th, with our abbreviated fall workday. Following are some of the tasks we will be doing and the tools you will need.

Pruning Bushes

pruning shears, hedge shears, electric hedge trimmers

Weeding

cultivator, small spade, garden fork

Spreading Wood Chips

wheel barrow, shovel, pitch fork

Picking up debris

trash barrel, leaf rake, push broom

And most important, work gloves.



In addition, we will have the opportunity to wash windows, if that suits you better than working in the dirt. To do this, bring a small bucket, a sponge and clean, dry rags. We will supply the cleaning solution.

We will start at 9am and work no longer than 11am. Come help us spruce up the appearance of your church in preparation for Kick-Off Sunday.

July income ~ actual \$12,002

~ plan \$13,621

July expenses ~ actual \$12,250

~ plan \$18,059

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**YTD income** ~ actual \$146,810

~ plan \$141,096

**YTD expenses** ~ actual \$107,214

~ plan \$150,924



# Happy Birthday!

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| Alice    | 1  |
| Nick     | 2  |
| Leslie   | 5  |
| Kacey    | 6  |
| Phelan   | 6  |
| Robin    | 6  |
| Shalyn   | 6  |
| Tim      | 9  |
| Brady    | 14 |
| Henry    | 15 |
| Gwenna   | 15 |
| Sue      | 16 |
| David    | 16 |
| Travis   | 17 |
| Kai      | 18 |
| Nelson   | 18 |
| Michael  | 18 |
| Matt     | 19 |
| Peter    | 19 |
| Ellen    | 19 |
| Jonathan | 20 |
| Andy     | 24 |
| John     | 24 |
| Ed       | 25 |
| Kay      | 25 |
| Alex     | 26 |
| Marc     | 26 |
| Jennifer | 26 |
| Rob      | 27 |
| Steve    | 30 |
| Kelley   | 30 |
| Claire   | 30 |

# Thank You!!

Thank you to those who went to the Soup Kitchen in August.

Thank you to those who helped with Coffee Fellowship in August.

Thank you to Perry for arranging for delivery of 8 yards playground mulch, to David for spreading it on the playground and to Steve for moral and budgetary support.

Thank you to those of you who lead the children's sermons this summer:

Erin  
Emily  
Susan  
Kay  
Barb  
Jeff  
Susan  
Linda  
Juliann  
Judy  
Kendra

Special thanks to Chris for recruiting and coordinating the leaders of the children's sermons.

Thank you to those who shared their musical talents with us this summer.

# Happy Anniversary!

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Jim and Phyllis  | 3  |
| Steve and Debbie | 8  |
| Roger and Judy   | 21 |
| Jeff and Susan   | 25 |



# Celebrate.

## Learn More About the

# CCC Elders

Your elders are dedicated to many things CCC! In addition to praying for you on a daily basis, our hope is to also inform you about wonderful happenings at CCC. September brings new beginnings, both at school, if applicable, and also at church. After a summer of comings and goings, we offer many events to bring you back home to your church family: Kickoff Sunday, a new season of Choir, Crossroads Bible Study, Youth Groups, Installation, Fall Cleanup, Men's & Women's Breakfasts and Garage Sale. The Elders at CCC would like to formally invite you to attend each of these events in addition to the weekly worship services which help us grow together as a Community...Christian...Church. See you soon!

## Giggles...

### Things People Think About While Singing in the Choir

- I wonder who in the congregation will fall asleep first today?
- 90 minutes till kickoff.
- What if some Sunday we have everyone in the choir wear regular clothes and everyone in the congregation wear robes? Yeah, that's the ticket.
- Did I turn off the curling iron?
- How would the hymn sound if Metallica played it?
- Wow, God loves me enough to let me sing in "His" choir.

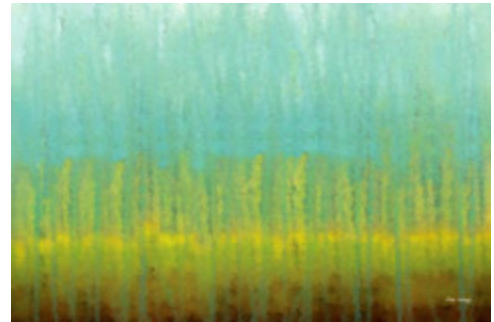
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CCC Choir resumes on September 8  
Everyone is welcome

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## Installation of CCC Leaders

October 3 is the date when we will celebrate and install the current leaders of CCC. Whether you have served for 2 months or two years (or more), it is very important that you attend the 10am worship service. This is a significant Sunday to share together, whether we are serving CCC as a board or committee chair, a deacon or liturgist, or a supporter of our current leaders, - let's all show up to stand together on October 3!



## Board & Committee Chair Orientation

On Saturday morning, August 28, some of CCC's many leaders were able to attend a very informative meeting regarding CCC procedures and how to better manage a committee or board chair position. The overall message was to make sure you read through your binders containing the CCC Constitution, Standard Operating Procedures + Appendix, Financial Management and Communications Procedures. If you read through this material, you will find something new that will be helpful to you. If you are a General Board or Committee Chair and you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jayne Zimmerman to pick up your binder. Make sure you keep it in good shape for your successor next year and turn it in to the church office for recycling at the end of the program year.

## *Long Term Prayer List*

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

### Long Term Prayer List

Alton  
Andrew  
Ann  
Ann, Jim & family  
Ariel & family  
Barb  
Beverly  
Bianca  
Brent  
Daniella & son, Nicholas  
Darryl  
Eric  
Gaeton & Jean  
George  
Great Grampa  
Jacob & family  
Jane  
Kate  
Kay  
Kyle  
Kyle  
Lesli  
Linda  
Mark's family  
Mary  
Michelle  
National & World Leaders  
Our Pastoral Search Committee  
Our Stephen Ministry  
Our Troops  
Richard & family  
Scott  
Steven  
Tony's family  
Tracy  
Wendy

## *Short Term Prayer List*

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Deb  
Denny, Jane, Frank



## *Elder Prayer Campaign*

For the month of August, the elders ask for prayers for two Disciples of Christ congregations in Illinois:

First Christian Church in Macomb  
First Christian Church in Marion



## Let's Pray Together ...

We invite every man, woman, youth and child to join in praying for our search committee. Pause and pray with us at 6pm each evening, if not then, whenever you can. Just pray daily. Pray for each person on the committee...Pip, Jim, Ping, Perry and Diane. Pray for their strength, patience and discernment. Ask God for a loving, committed Christian minister.

### **Pray Hard**



# SEPTEMBER 2010

| Sun                                                                                                                | Mon                                            | Tue                                          | Wed                                                                                | Thu                                                           | Fri                                                           | Sat                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                    |                                                |                                              | 1<br>7p Kristi Rutter<br><span style="color: purple;">■</span>                     | 2<br>11a Sunday School<br><span style="color: teal;">■</span> | 3                                                             | 4                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                    |                                                |                                              |                                                                                    |                                                               |                                                               |                                                                                  |
| 5<br>8a Worship<br>8a Worship                                                                                      | 6<br>No School<br>Labor Day                    | 7<br>9a Prayer Group<br>7:30p Com-missioners | 8<br>4p Soup Kitchen<br>7p Choir Practice<br><span style="color: red;">■</span>    | 9<br>No School<br><span style="color: orange;">■</span>       | 10                                                            | 11<br>8a Men's Bfst.<br>8a Women's Coffee Break<br>9a Fall Cleanup<br>7p Bonfire |
| 12<br>Kickoff Sunday<br>8a Worship<br>9a Crossroads<br>10a Worship                                                 | 13<br>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH                      | 14<br>9a Prayer Group<br>7:30p Round-table   | 15<br>7p Choir Practice<br><span style="color: red;">■</span>                      | 16                                                            | 17                                                            | 18                                                                               |
| 19<br>Garage Sale Setup<br>8a Worship<br>9a Crossroads<br>10a Worship<br>11:30a Youth<br>Brown Bag/Service Project | 20<br>Garage Sale Setup<br>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH | 21<br>Garage Sale Setup<br>9a Prayer Group   | 22<br>Garage Sale Setup<br>7p Choir Practice<br><span style="color: red;">■</span> | 23<br>Garage Sale Setup<br><span style="color: red;">■</span> | 24<br>Garage Sale Setup<br><span style="color: red;">■</span> | 25<br>8a Garage Sale                                                             |
| 26<br>8a Worship<br>9a Crossroads<br>10a Worship<br>11:30a Youth                                                   | 27<br>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH                      | 28<br>9a Prayer Group                        | 29<br>7p Choir Practice<br><span style="color: red;">■</span>                      | 30                                                            |                                                               |                                                                                  |